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BY [illegible] BURGET (AGO)
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BUFFALO, N.Y., OCT. 9 (AP)- [redacted] THROUGH THE RESTRICTED AREA OVER THE [illegible] LAST YEAR ENROUTE TO EUROPE, PURPORTEDLY TO BE USED IN QUELLING A COMMUNIST-INSPIRED TAKEOVER OF PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN AFRICA, A FEDERAL COURT HAS BEEN TOLD.

THE BOMBER WAS ONE OF SEVEN WORLD WAR II-VINTAGE PLANES WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS CHARGED THAT THREE MEN -- ONE A FELON OUT ON BAIL AND ANOTHER A FORMER ROYAL AIR FORCE PILOT -- CONSPIRED TO EXPORT ILLEGALLY [illegible] WITHOUT EXPORT LICENSES OR THE PERMISSION OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT.

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AND ANOTHER A FORMER ROYAL AIR FORCE PILOT -- CONSPIRED TO EXPORT ILLEGALLY TO PORTUGAL BETWEEN MAY [illegible] SEPTEMBER 1965.

THE GOVERNMENT CONTENDS THE AIRCRAFT WERE FLOWN WITHOUT EXPORT LICENSES OR THE PERMISSION OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT. CPYRGHT

THE COURT STORY OF THE BOMBER [illegible] ITS FOURTH WEEK TOMORROW WITH THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) YET TO BE CONFIRMED. U.S. ATTORNEYS HAVE RESTED THEIR CASE. LISTENING TO THE STORY IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT IS A JURY OF 10 MEN AND TWO WOMEN.

ON TRIAL ARE JOHN R. HAWKE, 32, A FORMER RAF PILOT LIVING IN FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA., AND HENRI DEFONTBRUN, 38, A FRENCH COUNT AND BUSINESSMAN.

GREGORY R. BOARD, 45, THE THIRD MAN UNDER INDICTMENT, FLED THE COUNTRY AND IS BELIEVED TO BE IN JAMAICA, WEST INDIES. BOARD, A NATIVE OF AUSTRALIA AND A NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN, FORMERLY LIVED IN TUCSON, ARIZ.

THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS DEFENDANTS COORDINATED CONTRACTS BETWEEN TWO AMERICAN COMPANIES BASED IN TUCSON, AND A SWISS COMPANY, LUBAG S.A., FOR THE PURCHASE OF 20 BOMBERS DESTINED FOR PORTUGAL.

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ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY, HAWKE FLEW THE PLANES AND BOARD WAS ASSOCIATED WITH ONE OF THE TUCSON FIRMS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLYING THE AIRCRAFT.

THE GOVERNMENT SAYS SEVEN BOMBERS ACTUALLY REACHED PORTUGAL.

U.S. ATTY. THOMAS CURTIN SAID THE CASE BROKE WHEN A CUSTOMS INSPECTOR NOTICED A SUPPLY OF GUNSIGHTS, GUNMOUNTS, BOMBSIGHTS AND EMPTY AMMUNITION CANS IN A PLANE AT ROCHESTER, N.Y., SEPT. 10, 1965.

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